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### **DECISION AND ORDER**

#### OF THE

#### **BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

### **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

The attached Stipulation in case number X43, is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Board of Psychology, Department of Consumer Affairs. An effective date of

March 20

, 2001 has been assigned to this Decision and Order.

Made this 20th day of March, 2001.

Martin R. Greenberg, Ph.D.
President, Board of Psychology
Department of Consumer Affairs

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7	BEFORE THE
8	CALIFORNIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
0	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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11	In the Matter of the Statement of ) Case No. X43 Against:
12	) STIPULATED SETTLEMENT
13	NORMAN DAVIS, Ph.D.  3813 Indian Butte Court  ) AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER )
13	Modesto, CA 95355
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15	Applicant/Respondent. )
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18	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the
19	parties to these proceedings that the following matters are true:
20	<u>PARTIES</u>
21	1. Thomas O'Connor is the Executive Officer of the
22	California Board of Psychology. He brought this action solely in
2,3	his official capacity as the Board's Executive Officer. He is
24	represented in this matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of
25	the state of California, and by Gail M. Heppell, Supervising
26	Deputy Attorney General.

Norman A. Davis, Ph.D. is representing himself in

this matter.

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### JURISDICTION

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Statement of Issues No. X43 was filed before the 3. Board, and is currently pending against respondent. Statement of Issues, together with all other statutorily required documents, was duly served on respondent. A copy of the Statement of Issues is attached as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

Respondent has carefully read the charges and allegations in the Statement of Issues. He is fully aware of all his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Statement of Issues, the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against him, the right to present evidence and to testify in his own behalf, the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision, and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### CULPABILITY

Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in the Statement of Issues, if proven, at a hearing, constitute cause for denying his application for a Psychologist's license.

- 6. Respondent admits the truth of each and every allegation in Statement of Issues X43.
- 7. Respondent agrees that application for licensure as a psychologist is subject to denial. He agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Order below.

#### <u>CIRCUMSTANCES IN MITIGATION</u>

8. Respondent has never contested the allegations in the Statement of Issues. Respondent has been candid with Board staff.

#### CONTINGENCY

- 9. This Stipulated Settlement is subject to the approval of the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that Board staff and counsel for complainant may communicate directly with the Board regarding this Stipulated Settlement, without notice to or participation by the respondent. If the Board fails to adopt this Stipulated Settlement as its Order, this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall (except this paragraph) be of no force or effect. It shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action in this matter by virtue of its consideration of this Stipulated Settlement.
- 10. The parties agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including the

facsimile signature thereto, shall have the same force and effect as an original Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and original signatures.

11. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board shall, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

#### DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, upon the Board's determination that respondent has successfully completed and passed all examinations, all educational requirements, and all experience requirements, as well as any and all other requirements mandated by statute or regulation for obtaining a Psychologist's License, a Psychologist's License will be issued to respondent and then revoked. The revocation will be stayed and the license will be placed on one year probation with the following terms and conditions:

1. PRACTICE MONITOR Within 90 days of the effective date of this decision, respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval, the name and qualifications of a psychologist who has agreed to serve as a practice monitor/billing monitor. The monitor shall 1) be a California-licensed psychologist with a clear and current license; 2) have no prior business, professional, personal or other relationship with respondent; and 3) not be the same person as respondent's therapist. The monitor's education and experience shall be in

the same field of practice as that of the respondent.

Once approved, the monitor shall submit to the Board or its designee a plan by which respondent's practice shall be monitored. Monitoring shall consist of at least one hour per week of individual face-to-face meetings and shall continue during the entire probationary period. The respondent shall provide the monitor with a copy of this Decision and access to respondent's fiscal and/or patient records. Respondent shall obtain any necessary patient releases to enable the monitor to review records and to make direct contact with patients. Respondent shall execute a release authorizing the monitor to divulge any information the Board may request. It shall be respondent's responsibility to assure that the monitor submits written reports to the Board or its designee on a quarterly basis verifying that monitoring has taken place and providing an evaluation of respondent's performance. The monitor may, on an annual basis, provide the Board with a non-binding recommendation as to the necessity of continuing with the monitoring.

Respondent shall notify all current and potential patients of any term or condition of probation which will affect their therapy or the confidentiality of their records (such as this condition which requires a practice monitor/billing monitor). Such notification shall be signed by each patient prior to continuing or commencing treatment.

If the monitor quits or is no longer available, respondent shall obtain approval from the Board for a new monitor

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within 30 days. If no new monitor is approved within 30 days, respondent shall not practice until a new monitor has been approved by the Board or its designee. During this period of non-practice, probation will be tolled and any period of non-practice shall not apply to the reduction of this probationary period. Respondent shall pay all costs associated with this monitoring agreement.

2. COURSEWORK Respondent shall take and successfully complete not less than 10 hours of coursework in the area of supervision, law, and ethics. Coursework must be preapproved by the Board or its designee. All coursework shall be taken at the graduate level at an accredited educational institution or by an approved continuing education provider. Classroom attendance is specifically required; correspondence or home study coursework shall not count toward meeting this requirement. The coursework must be in addition to any continuing education courses that may be required for license renewal.

Within 90 days of the effective date of this Decision, respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for its prior approval a plan for meeting the educational requirements.

All costs of the coursework shall be paid by the respondent.

3. ETHICS COURSE Within 90 days of the effective date of this Decision, respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for <u>prior approval</u> a course in laws and ethics as they relate to the practice of psychology. Said course must be successfully completed at an accredited educational institution

or through a provider approved by the Board's accreditation agency for continuing education credit. Said course must be taken and completed within one year from the effective date of this Decision. The costs associated with the law and ethics course shall be paid by respondent.

- 4. PROBATION COSTS Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation. Such costs shall be payable to the Board at the end of the each fiscal year (July 1 June 30). Failure to pay such costs shall be considered a violation of probation. The filing of bankruptcy shall not relieve respondent of the responsibility to repay investigation and enforcement costs.
- 5. OBEY ALL LAWS Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all regulations governing the practice of psychology in California including the ethical guidelines of the American Psychological Association. A full and detailed account of any and all violations of law shall be reported by the respondent to the Board or its designee in writing within 72 hours of occurrence.
- 6. <u>QUARTERLY REPORTS</u> Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board or its designee, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.
- 7. <u>PROBATION COMPLIANCE</u> Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation program and shall, upon reasonable notice, report to the assigned District Office of the Medical Board of

California or other designated probation monitor. Respondent shall contact the assigned probation officer regarding any questions specific to the probation order. Respondent shall not have any unsolicited or unapproved contact with 1) complainants associated with the case; 2) Board members or member of its staff; 3) persons serving the Board as expert witnesses.

- 8. <u>INTERVIEW WITH BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE</u> Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Board or its designee upon request at various intervals and with reasonable notice.
- 9. <u>CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT</u> Respondent shall notify the Board in writing, through the assigned probation officer, of any and all changes of employment, location, and address within 30 days of such change.
- IN-STATE NON-PRACTICE In the event respondent should leave California to reside or to practice outside of the State or for any reason should respondent stop practicing psychology in California, respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within 10 days of the dates of departure and return or the dates of non-practice within California. Non-practice is any period of time exceeding 30 days in which respondent is not engaging in any activities defined in Sections 2902 and 2903 of the Business and Professions Code. Periods of temporary or permanent residency or practice outside California or of non-practice within California will not apply to the reduction of

this probationary period, although the Board may allow respondent to complete certain terms of probation that are not associated with active practice.

- 11. EMPLOYMENT AND SUPERVISION OF TRAINEES If respondent is licensed as a psychologist, he shall not employ or supervise or apply to employ or supervise psychological assistants, interns or trainees during the course of this probation. Any such supervisorial relationship in existence on the effective date of this probation shall be terminated by respondent and/or the Board.
- 12. FUTURE REGISTRATION OR LICENSURE If respondent is currently registered as a psychological assistant and subsequently obtains other psychological assistant registrations or becomes licensed as a psychologist during the course of this probationary order, respondent agrees that this Decision shall remain in full force and effect until the probationary period is successfully terminated. Future registration or licensure shall not be approved, however, until respondent is currently in compliance with all terms and conditions of probation.
- probation in any respect, the Board may, after giving respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation or Petition to Revoke Probation is filed against respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final. No

Petition for Modification or Termination of Probation shall be considered while there is an Accusation or Petition to Revoke Probation pending against respondent. COMPLETION OF PROBATION Upon successful 14. completion of probation, respondent's license shall be fully restored. ACCEPTANCE I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the effect this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order will have on my Psychologist's License. I enter into this Stipulated settlement voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and I agree to be bound by the Disciplinary Order and Decision of the Board of Psychology. DATED: 1-27-01 Name OlDains Payl NORMAN DAVIS, Ph.D. /// 7// /// 

1 BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California 2 GAIL M. HEPPELL, Supervising Deputy Attorney General 3 1300 I Street, Suite 125 P. O. Box 944255 4 Sacramento, CA 94244-2550 Telephone: (916) 324-5336 5 Attorneys for Complainant 6 7 BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY 8 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 11 In the Matter of the Statement of Case No. X43 Against: 12 NORMAN DAVIS, Ph.D. STATEMENT OF ISSUES 13 3813 Indiana Butte Court Modesto, CA 95355 14 15 Applicant/Respondent. 16 17 The Complainant alleges: 18 **PARTIES** 19 1. Complainant, Thomas O'Connor, is the Executive 20 Officer of the California Board of Psychology (hereinafter the 21 "Board") and brings this statement of issues solely in his 22 official capacity. 23 2. On or about December 21, 1999, Norman Davis, Ph.D. 24 (hereinafter "respondent") applied for licensure as a 2.5 psychologist with the California Board of Psychology. 26

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about September 1, 2000, the Board notified respondent that his

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# JURISDICTION

- 3. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 2960 and 2960(m) the Board may suspend or revoke a psychologist's license or impose probationary conditions upon a licensee if the licensee has been guilty of unprofessional conduct.

  Unprofessional conduct includes:
  - "(m) The suspension, revocation or imposition of probationary conditions by another state or country of a license or certificate to practice psychology or as a psychological assistant issued by that state or county to a person also holding a license or registration issued under this chapter if the act for which the disciplinary action was taken constitutes a violation of this section".
  - 4. Section 2960.6(a) of the Business and Professions
    Code (hereinafter "Code") provides in relevant part that the
    Board may deny any application for or may suspend or revoke
    a license or registration issued under this chapter for the
    following: the revocation, suspension or other disciplinary
    action imposed by another state or country on a license,
    certificate, or registration issued by that state or country
    to practice psychology shall constitute grounds for
    disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct against that
    licensee or registrant in this state. A certified copy of
    the decision or judgement of the other state or country

shall be conclusive evidence of that action.

5. Section 480 (a)(3) of the Code provides that the board may deny a license regulated by this code on the grounds that the applicant has done any act which if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.

6. Section 2964.6 of the Code provides that if probation is imposed in a case before the Board of Psychology, the decision may also require that the licensee pay the costs associated with monitoring the probation.

### FIRST CAUSE FOR DENIAL

(Discipline Imposed by Another State)
[Bus. & Prof. Code 2960(m) and 2960.6]

On or about August 20, 1999, the Kentucky Board of 8. Examiners of Psychology issued an Order adopting a Settlement Agreement in the case of "Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology, Complainant v. Norman A. Davis, Psy.D., Licensed Psychologist, Respondent". Respondent admitted that he aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of psychology by allowing certified psychological assistants to practice psychology independently not under the employment and supervision of respondent in violation of Kentucky law. Respondent's license was placed under probation and supervision for one (1) year. As part of probation, respondent was required to have face-to-face weekly meetings with a supervisor for a total of fifty-two (52) one (1) hour supervisory sessions and to pay costs. (Attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference as if fully

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set forth is a true and correct copy of the Order in Agency Case Nos. 98-06-02-A and 98-12-A by the Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychologists.)

Respondent's conduct as set forth in paragraph 8 above and the discipline imposed by the Kentucky Board constitutes conduct subject to denial of licensure within the meaning of Code sections 480(a)(3), 2960, 2960(m), and 2960.6.

### PRAYER

WHEREFORE complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that if these allegations, or any part of them, are found to be true, that the Board make its order:

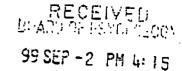
- Denying a psychology license to respondent Norman A. Davis, Ph.D.;
- Taking such other and further action as the Board 2. may deem necessary or proper.

Executive Officer Board of Psychology Department of Consumer Affairs State of California

Complainant

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### Commonwealth of Kentucky Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology Agency Case Nos. 98-06-02-A and 98-12-A



Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology

Complainant

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Order

Norman A. Davis, Psy.D. Licensed Psychologist

Respondent

The State Board of Psychology having considered and voted to approve the Settlement Agreement in the above-referenced matter hereby affirms, adopts and incorporates the Settlement Agreement attached hereto as its own.

It Is So Ordered.

Dated this 20th day of August, 1999.

State Board of Psychology

Jane F. Brake, Ph.D.

Chair, State Board of Psychology

Copies sent this the 25th day of August, 1999, to:

Norman A. Davis, Psy.D. 3625 Balfour Avenue Modesto, California 95357 Respondent (by regular mail) LAUUL LLIG! PAA

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
Board of Examiners of Psychology
Agency Case Nos. 98-06-02-A, 98-12-A
Administrative Action No. 99-KBEP-\_\_\_\_\_

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# Settlement Agreement

Norman A. Davis, Psy.D. Licensed Psychologist

Respondent

Whereas, the Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology (hereafter "Board") having authorized a Formal Complaint and Notice of Administrative Hearing and Order against licensed psychologist Norman A. Davis, Psy.D., (hereafter "Respondent"), and;

Whereas, the parties mutually desire to settle the matter in an expeditious manner without resorting to a disciplinary hearing; and

Whereas, the Respondent has had the opportunity at all times to seek advice from competent counsel of choice, and no coercion has been exerted upon the Respondent, nor have any promises been made other than those reflected in this agreement; and

Whereas, the Respondent freely and voluntarily enters into this agreement, motivated by a desire to resolve the issues addressed herein, and the Respondent has executed this Settlement Agreement only after a careful reading of it and a full understanding of all of its terms;

It is hereby stipulated and agreed between the undersigned parties that this matter shall be settled and resolved as follows:

### Jurisdiction

The Respondent acknowledges the Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the conduct which has precipitated this Settlement.

The Respondent acknowledges the Board has the legal power and authority to take disciplinary action up to and including revocation of the Respondent's certificate.

The Respondent acknowledges the Board will retain jurisdiction over this matter until all terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement have been met to the satisfaction of the Board. The Respondent expressly indemnifies the Board for any costs incurred, including reasonable attorney fees, in enforcing any provision of this Settlement Agreement should the Board determine the Respondent has not met any term of this Settlement Agreement after notice and opportunity to be heard.

#### Costs

The Board and the Respondent shall each bear their own costs incurred in this matter except as provided below.

### Findings

The Board has received an initiating complaint, has completed an investigation, and has authorized a Formal Complaint and Notice of Administrative Hearing and Order alleging *prima facie* violations of KRS Chapter 319.

Specifically, the Respondent agrees that the Board would be able to prove one count of the following violation of KRS Chapter 319 at a disciplinary hearing in accord with KRS Chapters 13B and 319:

The Respondent violated KRS 319.082(1)(f) and (i) by aiding or abetting the unlicensed practice of psychology when a license is required and by violating a state statute governing the practice of psychology. This aiding or abetting and violating a state statute involved the Respondent's allowing certified psychological associates to practice psychology independently when a license is required and by practicing independently not under the employment and supervision of the Respondent in violation of KRS 319.064(4).

The Respondent hereby admits to one count of a violation of KRS 319.082(1)(f) and (i) based on the facts immediately above.

### Effect Upon Licensure Status: Probation and Supervision

To avoid the time, cost, and expense of a hearing, the Respondent hereby agrees to the following as the agreed upon disciplinary action.

- 1) The Respondent's license to practice psychology in the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be placed under probation immediately and under supervision for one year. The period of probation shall begin the date that the Board enters into an Order adopting this Settlement Agreement. The one year of supervision shall begin on the date of the first meeting of the Respondent and a Board appointed supervisor;
- 2) The Respondent shall pay the Board's investigative costs in this matter not to exceed \$1500.00 upon tendering by the Board or Board Counsel, of an itemized statement of the final amount. The amount shall be paid by certified check or money

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order made payable to "Kentucky State Treasurer" as reimbursement for administrative costs to the Board, and;

- 3) The Respondent shall undergo supervision of his practice of psychology, if any, for a period of one year. The supervision shall begin within thirty (30) days of the appointment in writing of a Kentucky licensed psychologist pursuant to 201 KAR 26:171 §13 appointed by the Board and paid for by the Respondent.
- A) Said supervision shall include weekly, face-to-face meetings with the supervisor, for a period of one hour, in accord with 201 KAR 26:171 §§ 13 and shall encompass the Respondent's entire practice of psychology. In the event of unscheduled illness and conflicting vacation schedules or other good cause, the supervision sessions may be rescheduled by agreement of the supervisor and the Respondent;
- B) The Respondent's obligation for one year of supervised practice shall not be fulfilled until the Respondent shall have completed fifty-two, one hour supervisory sessions. It is the intention of the parties that this supervision shall occur in fifty-two, one hour sessions held consecutively. Sessions rescheduled for good cause as provided for above may occur immediately after the completion of the one year period of supervision.
- 4) If the Respondent gives notice to the Board in writing on or before August 6, 1999, of his relocation to the State of California including his mailing address, street address, business address, and business telephone number(s), the Respondent may complete the required supervision by a California licensed psychologist appointed

by the Board so long as the Respondent holds a credential to practice psychology in California issued by the appropriate licensing body with jurisdiction in California.

The Respondent shall cooperate at all times with the supervisor, the Board, the Board's staff and its agents who are engaged in the supervision and investigation of compliance with this Settlement Agreement.

The Respondent expressly understands failure to comply with and complete all terms of this Settlement Agreement means the Respondent's certificate shall be deemed suspended and shall further constitute failure to comply with an Order of the Board under KRS 319.082(1)(h) for which the Board may impose additional penalties available under law after notice and opportunity to be heard.

This action shall constitute disciplinary action against the license of the Respondent.

# Release of Liability

In consideration of execution of this Settlement Agreement, the Respondent, for the Respondent, the Respondent's executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby releases and forever discharges the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Kentucky Board of Psychology, Kentucky State Board of Examiners of Psychology, and the Kentucky Attorney General, and each of their members, agents and employees in their individual and representative capacities, from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known and unknown, in law or equity, that Respondent ever had, now has, may have or claim

to have against any or all of the persons or entities named in this paragraph arising out of or by reason of this investigation, this settlement or its administration.

### Acceptance by the Board

This Settlement Agreement, when executed by the Respondent, shall be presented to the Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology with a recommendation for approval from the Board's counsel and case manager at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board following receipt of the executed Agreement. The Settlement Agreement shall not become effective until it has been approved by a majority of the Board and endorsed by a representative member of the Board.

The Respondent understands the Board is free to accept or reject this Settlement Agreement. The Respondent hereby agrees to waive any right he might have to challenge, based solely on the presentation of this Settlement Agreement to the Board, the impartiality of the Board to hear this administrative action if, after review by the Board, this Settlement Agreement is rejected.

### Open Records

The Respondent acknowledges this Settlement Agreement is subject to disclosure under the Kentucky Open Records Act and may be shared with any professional organization or licensing Board as the Board deems appropriate in its discretion.

# Complete Agreement

This Settlement Agreement and Order consists of seven (7) pages and embodies the entire agreement between the Board and the Respondent. It may not be altered, amended or modified without the express written consent of both parties.

# Have Seen, Understood and Approved:

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Norman A. Davis, Psy.D. 3531 Custer Drive, Suite 215 Lexington, Kentucky 40517

Respondent

Date: 8-3-99

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